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1. ALL INFO AVAIL TO EMB INDICATES THERE IS
ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS FOR ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED BY CONGRESSMAN
FRASER'S OFFICE AS PER REFTEL.

2. WE SUSPECT SUCH ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ARGENTINE, CHILEAN,
AND URUGUAYAN POLITICAL REFUGEES MAY HAVE ARISEN FROM AN
ARTICLE APPEARING IN MEXICAN NEWSPAPER EL SOL ON FEB 3 WHICH
SERVED AS BASIS FOR FEB 4 ARTICLE BY MARLISE SIMON IN THE
WASHINGTON POST ALLEGING THAT CHILEAN AND ARGENTINE GOVT
INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WERE OPERATING IN MEXICO TO CONTROL AND
"NEUTRALIZE" POLITICAL EXILES FROM THEIR
COUNTRIES. THE ARTICLES IMPLIED THAT THE MEXICAN GOVT
WAS COOPERATING WITH THE FOREIGN AGENTS. SOURCE FOR THE
EL SOL ARTICLE IS BELIEVED TO BE CARLOS FERREYRA, FORMER
DIRECTOR OF THE CUBAN PRESS AGENCY, PRENSA LATINA, IN MEXICO

3. MEXICAN SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY DENIED
ALLEGATIONS IN EL SOL AND SIMON ARTICLES. SPECIFICALLY,
THEY REJECT ALLEGATION THAT THREATS HAVE INCREASED
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AGAINST PROMINENT CHILEAN EXILES, THAT SUCH CHILEANS
HAVE LEFT MEXICO AND THAT MEXICAN POLICE ARE INVESTI-
GATING ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN AGENTS. THE MEXICAN
GOVT KNOWS OF NO SUCH AGENTS IN MEXICO. ACCORDING
TO SENIOR MEXICAN SECURITY OFFICIALS, THERE ARE NO
CHANGES IN MEXICAN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENCE OR
WORK PERMITS FOR SOUTH AMERICAN EXILES.

4. FINALLY, OFFICIALS FROM BOTH THE ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN EMBASSIES HAVE STATED THEY SEE NO CHANGE IN THE TRADITIONAL MEXICAN POLICY OF WELCOMING POLITICAL EXILES. OCCASIONALLY EXILES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WORKING IN THE PRESS, ARE REQUESTED BY THE GOM TO TONE DOWN THEIR DIATRIBES AGAINST THEIR HOME GOVERNMENTS, AND SOME EXILES EMPLOYED IN GOOD GOVERNMENT POSITIONS UNDER THE ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. EMBASSY SURMISES THT THE LOSS OF THESE EXILES' JOBS RESULTS FROM THE SAME POLITICAL FACT AS JOB LOSSES FOR THOUSANDS OF MEXICANS; THAT IS, A NEW ADMINISTRATION AND THEREFORE NEW PATRONAGE TO BE DISBURSED. THOMPSON

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